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**SUBJECT: (LOU) CHARGE AMSTUTZ' FEBRUARY 19 MEETING WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN**

REF: KABUL 1179

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE DO NOT WISH TO DILUTE THE IMPACT OF OUR NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN OR OUR REQUEST FOR A REPORT OF THE AFGHAN INVESTIGATION INTO AMBASSADOR DUBS' DEATH. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT THE DRA'S CONDUCT IN THIS MATTER RAISES THE QUESTION OF THE NATURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP AFGHANISTAN WISHES TO HAVE WITH THE U.S. WE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF A FRIENDLY COUNTRY WOULD HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION BROUGHT ON BY AMBASSADOR DUBS' ABDUCTION, THE BEST MEANS OF

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PERSONAL REQUEST HAD BEEN TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT BECAUSE SOVIET ADVISORS WERE ON THE SCENE AND ULTIMATELY SUPPORTED THE ASSAULT WHICH LED TO AMBASSADOR DUBS' DEATH, QUESTIONS ARE BEING ASKED IN THE U.S. ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND THE U.S.S.R. VANCE

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